

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE-OWNED OIL AND GAS MINERALS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE AUCTION

Lands under consideration for oil and gas leasing include acreage in the following counties: **ALPENA, ANTRIM, ARENAC, BENZIE, CHEBOYGAN, CLARE, CRAWFORD, EMMET, GLADWIN, GRAND TRAVERSE, ISABELLA, JACKSON, KALKASKA, LAKE, MANISTEE, MASON, MECOSTA, MIDLAND, MISSAUKEE, MONTMORENCY, NEWAYGO, OCEANA, OGEMAW, OSCEOLA, OTSEGO, PRESQUE ISLE, ROSCOMMON, SAINT CLAIR, and WASHTENAW.**

The **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** will offer at an oral-bid public auction, oil and gas lease rights to approximately 265,000 acres of state-owned minerals in those Michigan counties indicated herein.

Registration of bidders will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday, October 27 and 28, 2008, at the Michigan Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Offering of lease rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of \$13.00 per acre (which includes a \$3.00 per acre audit fee), and will continue until 4:00 p.m. on the 27th. The remaining descriptions will be offered on the 28th. Each day, at the auction's end, at the discretion of the DNR, parcels not bid in at \$13.00 per acre, may be re-offered at a minimum bid of \$5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The total bonus bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the DNR through prior leasing of state-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with **DNR-Forest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM)-Mineral and Land Management Section (MLMS)**, three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank. In no instance will the DNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero day site draft."

An auction catalog showing the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered and parcel classifications will be available after October 10, 2008, on the web at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>; or by contacting DNR-FMFM-MLMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description, must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NO LATER THAN October 8, 2008. Any request for change in classification will be considered by the DNR prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the DNR.